

Torrance, California
July 23, 1946

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 23, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert and Powell.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the time had arrived for opening bids for 4000 feet 6" Bell & Spigot Class 150 Cast Iron Pipe for Municipal Water District No. 1. Clerk Bartlett advised that one bid had been received, which he opened and read as follows:

BIDDER

National Cast Iron Pipe
1930 West Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

BID

\$1.04 per foot plus
8¢ per foot if cement
lining is desired.

A Bid Bond accompanied the bid.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the bid be referred to Mr. Stanger, Manager, Municipal Water District No. 1, for recommendation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Stanger, who was present, recommended orally that the contract be awarded at this time to National Cast Iron Pipe.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Stanger's recommendation be concurred in and that the contract for 4000 feet 6" Bell & Spigot Class 150 Cast Iron Pipe, at a cost of \$1.04 per foot, plus 8¢ per foot if cement lining is desired, be awarded to National Cast Iron Pipe. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 9, 1946, of a Public Hearing held July 9, 1946 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held July 16, 1946 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A petition, bearing forty-one signatures, was read, vigorously protesting the nuisance created by the Pacific Smelting Company, and claiming that method of operation of the concern is retarding development of the community, being a certain area known as the "Shoestring Strip", and being within the corporate limits of the City of Los Angeles.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the signers all represent property in the City of Los Angeles referred to above.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to direct a communication to Mr. Wayne Allen of the County of Los Angeles relative to a proposed uniform ordinance, which has been in the process of being prepared for presentation to the various cities throughout the County, for control of smoke and fumes, commonly referred to as "smog", and inquire as to whether or not the ordinance is completed at this time, or, if incomplete, approximate date which it is expected the ordinance will be ready for presentation to the cities. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. W. Loughridge, 24038 Neece Avenue, Welteria, applying for a refund of a fee paid for a building permit for construction of a business building on his property located at Neece Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway, due to scarcity of materials which makes it impossible for him to build at this time.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request be granted. Mayor Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

A communication was read from Robert W. Jansen, Skipper, Sea Scouts Ship #213-S, Boy Scouts of America, requesting use of the Civic Auditorium every Thursday night for a Western dance to raise funds for a new building and for procurement of a boat.

Mayor Sherfey moved that, inasmuch as several similar requests have been received, the matter be referred to the entire Council for further study and discussion. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Girl Scouts, Los Angeles Council, thanking the Council for installing a flag pole for use of the Girl Scout Day Camp now operating at the Torrance City Park. The facilities and arrangement of the City Park were praised, and an invitation was extended to the Mayor and Council to visit at the park while the Day Camp is operating there.

A communication was read from Chief John H. Stroh, Police Department, requesting permission to sell two small radios, a Packard Bell, 5 years old, new purchase price \$10.00, and an Admiral, 4 years old, new purchase price \$25.00, which were used during Civilian Defense activities and are no longer of any use to the Police Department.

Councilman Tolson moved that Chief Stroh be authorized to sell the radios as requested. Councilman Sherfey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that Mr. I. J. Hallanger has requested a ninety day leave of absence from his duties as Accountant, beginning August 1, 1946, on the advice of his physician, and advising that the request has been approved by the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Tolson asked Clerk Bartlett whether or not this request meets with his approval, Clerk Bartlett's reply being in the affirmative.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request of Mr. I. J. Hallanger for a ninety day leave of absence, beginning August 1, 1946, be granted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that Mr. John H. Fess has requested a leave of absence of two weeks, without pay, in addition to his regular vacation, commencing September 2, 1946, in order to make a trip, and advising that the request has been approved by Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, for which Department Mr. Fess works, and by the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Tolson moved that the request of Mr. John Fess for a two weeks leave of absence, without pay, be granted, beginning September 2, 1946. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, attaching a copy of a letter from Douglas Carmel Cook, an employee of the Police Department, regarding his 1946 vacation.

The letter called attention to the fact that, inasmuch as Mr. Cook, upon his return from the Military Service to his former position with the Street Department, and his subsequent transfer into the Police Department, a question has arisen as to his eligibility for vacation or vacation pay during 1946, since Ordinance No. 249, under which the Police Department functions, requires an employee to serve one full year before becoming eligible for vacation. Mr. Cook pointed out that all returned servicemen have been granted vacations regardless of whether or not, after their return, they have completed one full year when vacation periods begin. He stated that, based on this fact, he feels he is due for a vacation from either the Police or the Street Department, or for vacation pay in lieu of time off.

It was the recommendation of the Civil Service Board that Mr. Cook receive his vacation regardless of the fact that he has transferred from the Street Department to the Police Department, as he was a permanent employee of the City at the time he left for Military Service, and it is the understanding that returned servicemen are entitled to a vacation without the requirement of a year's service after their return.

Councilman Tolson moved that the recommendation of the Civil Service Board be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, advising that, on June 1, 1945, Mr. Elmer S. Moon was employed on a temporary basis as "Supervisor of Sports", and inquiring whether or not the Board should set up this classification as a permanent position and conduct a civil service examination for same.

Councilman Tolson moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City of Torrance Civil Service Board, referring to a request made by Councilman Powell

and Fire Chief McMaster that a change of classifications for the Fire Department be made and the classifications of Fire Chief, Fire Captain, Apparatus Engineer and Engineer be established. Attention was called to the fact that, under Section 10 of Ordinance No. 249, under which the Fire Department functions, it is the privilege of the Council to make whatever changes as are felt to be necessary.

It was suggested that classifications be set up as provided for in Section 10 as follows: Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, Apparatus Engineer, Engineer, Hoseman, Ladderman, and Mechanics to allow for future growth of the City.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter be referred to the Police and Fire Commission, Councilman Powell and Chief McMaster for study and recommendation and report to the City Council before action is taken. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Law Offices of James W. Hughes, signed by J. W. Hughes, was read, citing an instance where a Mr. H. L. Mitchell, 1104 Amapola Avenue, Torrance, paid into the Treasury of the City of Torrance \$12.00 for a license to transact the business of insurance.

Mr. Hughes cited a certain law case in which, he stated, the Supreme Court of California had held that it is not proper for a City to collect license fees from insurance agents because of the provisions of Section 1530 of the Insurance Code of the State of California, which exacts an annual premium tax from insurance companies which is "in lieu" of all other taxes of whatsoever kind which may be assessed against insurance companies or their agents.

It was requested that, if, after study, the Council agrees that the payment was not justified, the fee paid by Mr. Mitchell be refunded.

Mayor Sherfey stated that he does not concur in the opinion of Mr. Hughes, and that, according to a League of California Cities model license ordinance, insurance companies and/or agents pay city license fees.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, requesting a portion of the \$2500.00 appropriation recently made by the Council in underwriting the Torrance Area Projects for the five day celebration, stating that the Post had staged an all star show for World War II Veterans and their families on July 2, 1946, which had been well attended and highly complimented.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the appropriation is depleted. Mayor Sherfey commented that the letter from the Legion should have been sent in nearer the time the appropriation was made.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter be referred to the entire City Council for study and discussion when a meeting is held to consider a request for additional funds for the celebration, which request the Council has received. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, extending an invitation to attend the installation of 1946-47 officers in the Civic Auditorium July 30, 1946, at 8:00 P.M., after which refreshments will be served.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent of the Recreation Department, relative to a request received from the Boys' Club and referred to him for recommendation. Mr. Riley recommended that, in connection with the request for use of a bus, the plan suggested by the Boys' Club be followed, in that the drivers donate their time, and the Club will pay twenty-five cents (25¢) per mile.

Mr. Riley stated that he would not recommend that the Council appropriate funds for transportation because of the fact that to do so might set a precedent which could reflect on the Council and the Recreation Department.

Mr. Riley stated that, in connection with the request of the Club for use of the Civic Auditorium one night weekly, to make a recommendation in that regard is beyond his jurisdiction. However, he stated that, if a suitable day is open, he felt no better use could be made of it than to allow the Boys' Club to use the building.

Councilman Tolson moved that, inasmuch as the Council had not made a thorough study of this request, the matter be referred to the entire Council for further study and recommendation. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, requesting that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for one Maintainer for the Water Department as per specifications No. W-17-1946 now on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for a Maintainer for the Water Department as requested by Mr. Stanger. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1788

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO K. DONALD KENNEDY TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1788 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1789

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF SUCH BONDS AND ESTABLISHING FUNDS, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1781.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1789 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1790

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR \$150,000 BONDS OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Tolson moved that Resolution No. 1790 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Tolson moved that Agathe Francois be employed as a part time typist-clerk, at a salary of \$1.00 per hour, effective July 18, 1946, for the Bus Lines. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$98.47 plus tax, be made for sanitary supplies for the Los Angeles Terminal, Bus Lines. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Tolson moved that an an appropriation of \$74.00, plus tax, be made for 1 4-drawer legal size steel file, Bus Lines. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$97.34 be made for 2 rolls 2" x 2" welded fabric to be used for extending the wire fence in the Ball Park for protection of spectators during the Baseball Tournament. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Councilman Tolson moved that a payment of \$10.00 per month to John Magee for use of his car in Park Department work, beginning July 1, 1946, be authorized. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$145.55 be made for the Chamber of Commerce for advertising. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$585.48 be made for a Model 50 Multigraph Duplicator and filing cabinet for use of the City Clerk's, City Attorney's, and City Engineer's, Departments. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Attorney's Office be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance, or ordinances, covering rezoning of certain property as applied for by Edgar S. and Mary E. Frenger, and rezoning of certain property as applied for by Dominguez Estate Company, both cases having been heard before the City Council July 23, 1946 in accordance with terms of Ordinance No. 316 governing Public Hearings. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stevenson of North Torrance reported that he had been giving some thought to a matter which confronts Torrance and many cities in the question of jurisdiction at those inter-

sections where boundary lines of two or more cities converge at the intersection. He mentioned 182nd Street and Western Avenue particularly, stating that he had known of one or more accidents at that intersection where the injured person or persons had remained there while the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the City of Gardena and the City of Torrance, whose boundary lines all converge at the intersection, endeavored to determine on whose property the injured person might be at the time the report is received.

He also recommended that a four-way stop sign be installed at 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard instead of the two-way stops only.

Mayor Sherfey suggested that the matter of stops be referred to Chief Stroh for recommendation.

Chief Stroh reported orally that the City of Torrance maintains the boulevard stop signs which are there now, and that it would be the responsibility of the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles to install the other two on 182nd Street. He agreed that the intersection is one through which traffic travels at a high rate of speed.

He said he agreed with Mr. Stevenson that some solution should be worked out for the question of jurisdiction in cases where accidents occur at intersections, and added that there are several such intersections where this question always arises.

Mayor Sherfey stated that his experience while handling the ambulance service for the City had acquainted him with the matter referred to by Mr. Stevenson, and suggested that the subject be discussed at a forthcoming meeting at which time a Traffic Safety Committee will be discussed with Chief Stroh.

Mr. L. V. Babcock inquired as to why bonds are being sold for Municipal Water District No. 1 at this time.


Councilman Tolson stated that Municipal Water District No. 1 is the newly formed water district for WALTERIA, while the present water system is known as Municipal Improvement District No. 1. He said he agreed this is confusing, but that the Council had been informed the new district must be designated by the No. 1, it being under the MWD Act and the present system being under the MID Act.

Councilman Tolson moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Powell.

At 8:32 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, the meeting adjourned to August 6, 1946 at 7:45 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE